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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Spring has arrived here in Illinois which means it is nearly time for the INPS Annual Meeting. We are fortunate to have a large state that stretches through several growth zones North to South and sits at the crossroads of the Eastern Hardwood Forest and the prairielands to the West.

Because of our unique location there is a large variety of interesting sites for fieldtrips throughout the state. This year the Annual Meeting will be headquartered in Petersburg with access to nearby Illinois and Sangamon River valley sites.

Come join us June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> for a friendly and relaxed look at some of Illinois' beautiful landscapes. Reacquaint with old friends and make new friends at the 2010 Illinois Native Plant Society Annual Meeting.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER,**

**R. J. Fehl**

**Dear Members,**

Thank you for the material submitted over recent months. I could always use more. Too much is far better than not having enough to fill these pages. There are, of course, deadlines to meet. July 1<sup>st</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, January 1<sup>st</sup>, and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

I hope you enjoy the newsletters and always welcome suggestions for improvement and content. Thank you for your input.

**Sincerely,**

**Mike Tyner** [windfirerain@comcast.net](mailto:windfirerain@comcast.net)  
**Editor**

**P. S.** It is really very convenient to receive material via e-mail. That saves this poor typist a great deal of mid-night hours. When sending items please be sure the subject line of your e-mail begins with "Harbinger". That way a simple sort when doing my editor work will take me directly to the best news, views and photos in the INPS world.

# CHAPTER'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Central Chapter

June 10 Dan Deters, **Oaks of McHenry Co.** video producer

July 8 Connie Cunningham **Illinois Natural Areas Inventory II**  
INHS Biologist

August 12 Edie Sternberg **The Life of Death Valley**

Sept 9 Eric Grimm ISM Curator of Botany **Our Changing Climate**

## Irene Cull Chapter

Contact Mary Hartley for upcoming chapter events at 309/995-3356 or e-mail at [haywool@winco.net](mailto:haywool@winco.net)

## Southern Chapter

### **Upcoming Schedule:**

Sponsor Microstegium Summit in August

## Quad City Chapter

For upcoming meetings, check out their website  
[http://qc\\_inps.home.mchsi.com](http://qc_inps.home.mchsi.com)

## Forest Glen Chapter

Contact Connie Cunningham for details at [carrolle@inhs.uiuc.edu](mailto:carrolle@inhs.uiuc.edu) or 217/733-2660.

## Northeast Chapter

For upcoming meetings, contact Janine Catchpole at 815/409-2943 or e-mail him at [j9-catchpole@comcast.net](mailto:j9-catchpole@comcast.net)

Tentative Fieldtrip Schedule 2010 The fieldtrips are not sponsored financially by the NE Chapter. All arrangements to the trips will be on your own or with other people planning to attend. The trips are geared to provide a look at different sand communities in Indiana and northern Illinois, excluding sands along Lake Michigan. The trip will be weekend trips with camping available. We hope to also see members from other INPS chapters as the sites cover the northern half of the state. The actual sites to be visited and overall order of the sites are not yet finalized. Nothing is set in stone.

May 15/16 Indiana Sands Camp at Tippecanoe State Park in Indiana. Visit preserves in Newton, Jasper & Pulaski counties.

May/June, State Annual Meeting

July 17/18 Central Illinois Sands Camp at Sand Ridge State Forest. Visit Sand Prairie Scrub Oak NP, Henry Alan Gleason NP and others to be determined.

August 14/15 Illinois Kankakee Sands Camp at Des Plains Conservation Area. Visit Hitts Siding, Braidwood Dunes and Savanna, Sand Ridge Savanna, Wilmington Shrub Prairie.

September 18/20 Mississippi Sands Camp at Mississippi Palisades. Visit Hanover Bluff, Foley Sand Prairie, Ayer Sand Prairie and maybe Savanna Army Depot.

October 4 Southern Cook County Sands No camping Visit Indian Boundary Prairies, Sand Ridge NP, Thornton-Lansing NP and Jurgenson Woods.



## **NEW MENARD COUNTY RECORD**

### **smallmouth salamander (*Ambystoma texanum*)**

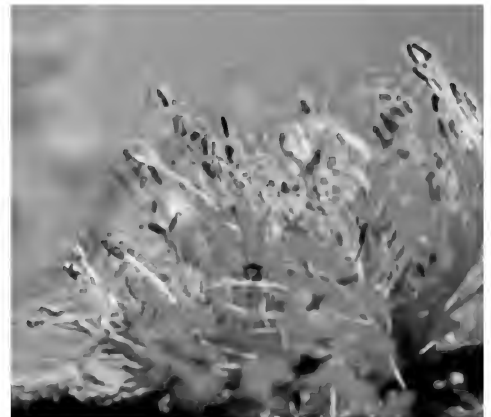
Found underground on 30 March 2010 by Larry Horon and Jeremy Rappaport while digging a planting hole for a tree. Starhill Forest Arboretum, 12000 Boy Scout Trail, Petersburg, IL, on a lower south-facing slope just above record flood level, ~30m north of Rock Creek. Southern Menard County about 2 miles north of Sangamon County and approximately 200m east of Boy Scout Trail road.

GPS of arboretum (taken about 150m north of salamander site) = N39°56.1', W89°48.1'.

Habitat is second growth forest, not recently disturbed but grazed until about 1970 -- *Quercus* spp, *Celtis occidentalis*, *Prunus serotina*, *Juglans nigra*, *Ulmus americana*, *Acer negundo*, *Gleditsia triacanthos*, *Fraxinus americana* included in overstory, mostly under 40 years old but with a few older trees 100+ years; *Cercis canadensis*, *Crataegus mollis*, *Ribes missouriensis*, *Cornus drummondii* subcanopy; predominantly weedy understory with some native wildflowers present (*Phlox*, *Trillium*, *Claytonia*, *Asarum*, etc.).

Kept overnight in moist soil, photographed the next morning by me (I have several more photos), and then released by Horon and Rappaport onto a mud bank near the same location.

Guy S.



*Acer rubrum* var. *drummondii*  
Top - male tree / Bottom - female tree



Photo from Guy Sternberg

**Illinois Native Plant Society**  
**2010 ANNUAL MEETING**  
**June 11-13, 2010**  
**RiverBank Lodge Route 97 Petersburg, IL**

Spend Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday morning exploring the natural areas of the Sangamon and Illinois Rivers region.

**Registration required**

Hosted by the Governing Board of Directors of the Illinois Native Plant Society

**The Agenda:**

**Friday Evening, June 11 6:30 to 8:00pm**

INPS members and their accompanying families are invited to enjoy the evening registering and socializing in the lobby area of the RiverBank Lodge.

**Saturday, June 12 Field Trips**

Several field trips are available. Box lunches will be provided and lunch will be at a stop during the field trip. All trips leave from the hotel at 9:00 a.m. and return around 3:30 p.m. Waterproof footwear is recommended for most of these sites.

**SATURDAY AM**

**Illinois River Valley**, Led by a local expert, This is an all day trip. This trip will include various sites in the Illinois River Valley including 11,122 acre Emiquon Preserve.

**Sand Prairie Scrub Oak Preserve**

Led by Ben Dolbeare. This trip will concentrate on the a variety of species that are found frequenting prairie areas of this area and surrounding Mason County.

**Starhill Forest**, Led by Guy Sternberg, World-wide recognized collection of Oaks and various other species. Several hundred species are included on 48 acres of hillsides and bottom land.

**Carpenter Park**, Led by Becky Crouteau, An Illinois Nature Preserve containing Old growth Oak woods situated on bluffs overlooking the Sangamon River. Many trees are more than 150 Years old.

**SATURDAY PM**

**Wolf Preserve**, Led by Vern LaGesse. 70 + acres of second growth forest recently donated to Friends of Sangamon Valley undergoing restoration.

**Revis Hill Prairie,**

Led by Floyd Catchpole. Largest remaining Hill Prairie site in Illinois. This trip will see a wide variety of early summer species common to Hill Prairies.

**4:00 pm. INPS State Board Meeting** in the RiverBank Lodge Meeting Rooms

**Saturday Evening**

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Banquet and General Meeting of the Illinois Native Plant Society. The banquet will be served buffet style with meat and vegetarian entrees. After dinner talk,

**Sunday Morning, June 13**

Field Trips for those who want just one more taste of the beauty of Central Illinois before heading home. All field trips will leave at 9:00 A.M. from the RiverBank Lodge in Petersburg and finish around noon. Participants may depart for home directly from the sites.

**SUNDAY**

**Elkhart Hill**, Led by a local expert, INAI site. Illinois Land and Water Preserve. Many unique plant communities. Wonderful hilltop view of the Illinois Prairies and coal mines.

**Lincoln Memorial Garden-Ostermeier Prairie Restoration**, Led by a local expert, Walk the trails of a 75 year old Jens Jensen designed Nature Preserve and a 20 year old prairie restoration.



## **Accommodations**

Full information about Petersburg and the surrounding area can be found at:

[www.menardil.com](http://www.menardil.com)

[www.riverbanklodge.com](http://www.riverbanklodge.com)

[www.LincolnsNewSalem.com](http://www.LincolnsNewSalem.com)

RiverBank Lodge located on Ill. Highway 97 in Petersburg offers fine lodging for the weekend.

**522 South 6th Street**

**Petersburg, Illinois 62675**

**Website: [www.riverbanklodge.com](http://www.riverbanklodge.com)**

**Email: [riverbanklodge@aol.com](mailto:riverbanklodge@aol.com)**

**Phone: (217) 632-0202**

**Toll Free: 1-866-459-3040**

Several rooms have been held for reservations for **INPS** through May 15<sup>th</sup>. Call for these reservations. Request **INPS** rooms.

Bed & breakfast accommodations in Petersburg include several spectacular 1800's Historical Mansions. Web addresses above are good connections to find these facilities.

Camping is available in nearby New Salem State Park, with electric and non-electric camping at \$20.00 and \$10.00 per night.

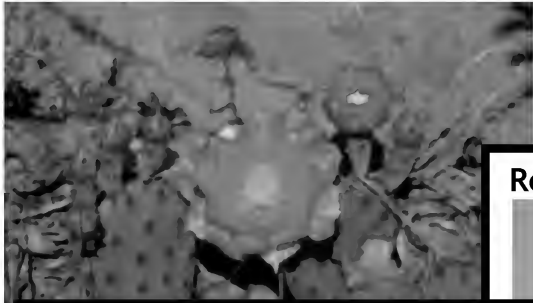
Other campgrounds, public and private, are nearby.

Canoeing/kayaking may also be available on your own. To make a reservation, <http://newsalemc canoe.com/> or call +1 (217) 632-0202 Toll Free 1-866-459-3040

## **Family activities**

Vans and carpooling to sites should make it easy for members to leave a vehicle with the family while members hit the wilds, allowing family members time to enjoy the sites of Petersburg, New Salem, Athens, Springfield and vicinity.

**Sand Prairie Scrub Oak**



**Carpenter Park**



**Revis Hill Prairie**



**Wolf Preserve**



**SUNSET AT STARHILL FOREST ARBORETUM**



**Illinois River Valley**

Registration Form: Please submit one form per person.

Name:  
Address:  
Phone Number:  
Email Address:

Saturday, June 12, Field Trips:  
Please indicate your preferences by placing an X in the appropriate box.

Field Trips	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
1. Illinois River Valley—ALL DAY			
Morning trips			
2. StarHill Forest			
3. Sand Prairie Scrub Oak			
4. Carpenter Park			
Afternoon Trips			
5. Wolf Preserve			
6. Revis Hill Prairie			

Sunday, June 8 Field Trips  
Please indicate your preferences by placing an X in the appropriate box.

Field Trips	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
1. Elkhart Hill			
2. Lincoln Memorial Garden			

The box lunch will include two types of sandwiches, chips and a fruit. A vegetarian option is available.

Check here for vegetarian box lunch: \_\_\_\_\_

The Saturday evening banquet buffet cost is included with the registration cost. Extra tickets are available for \$20.00.

Registration fee

(# Member Registrants X \$55.00) \_\_\_\_\_

(# Non-Member Registrants X \$65.00) \_\_\_\_\_

(# Student Registrants X \$45.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Cost for Extra Banquet Tickets (# Tickets X \$20.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Check or money orders made out to the: Illinois Native Plant Society

Mail to: INPS Annual Meeting  
P. O. Box 3341  
Springfield, IL 62708



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### From Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport (SPI)

Take Route 29 North to Rt123 West towards Petersburg. Once in Petersburg, stay on Rt123 as it turns South. RiverBank Lodge is on the left just past the Subway and Dairy Queen.

### From Chicago

Take I-55 South, then take the Williamsville / Petersburg exit for Route 123 past the entrance to Athens. Turn left to remain on Route 123 and travel into Petersburg. Once in Petersburg turn left onto 6th Street, which is also Route 97 & Route 123. RiverBank Lodge is on the left just past the Subway and across from Dairy Queen.



## MEMBERSHIP

### Illinois Native Plant

Every facet of our organization

The Erigenia, Harbinger, chapter newsletters, meetings, etc., are planned and prepared by members and volunteers.

So in January we ask all members to renew their memberships to support these activities.

In fact, many members have already sent in renewals.

Renewals received since about September are considered to be for the new year, ASSUMING DUES WERE PAID FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

### ALL UNRENEWED MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE PURGED FROM THE DATA BASE IN APRIL.

It is our hope to be able to accomplish member renewals without the cost of sending membership notices in a separate mailing, if possible.

**RENEW TODAY!!!!!!!**

**SEE MEMBERSHIP FORM ON LAST PAGE.**

**Please complete the entire form.**

**We would like to have your e-mail address and for you to make a choice about receiving Harbinger by e-mail.**

**Thank You!!!**

## INPS Membership Mailing

Membership processing and record keeping for INPS Membership Chair is being handled by Mike Tyner. To facilitate this change please send all Membership Applications and Membership Renewals to:

**INPS Membership, P. O. Box 3341, Springfield, IL 62708**

And, just a reminder that the INPS address is:

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